

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (Currently amended) A polymeric composition comprising a blend of:

- a) an alkene polymer comprising propylene monomers; and
- b) a modifier selected from the group consisting of: ~~a maleic anhydride grafted ethylene copolymer, an ethylene copolymer containing acid monomers and/or ester monomers, an acid-grafted propylene copolymer, and a maleic anhydride grafted blend of a propylene copolymer with an ethylene copolymer~~ maleic anhydride grafted metallocene very low density polyethylene, maleic anhydride grafted metallocene linear low density polyethylene, and a maleic anhydride grafted linear low density polyethylene made from a Ziegler-Natta catalyst.

Claim 2 (Canceled)

Claim 3 (Original) The polymeric composition according to claim 1 wherein the alkene polymer is polypropylene.

Claim 4 (Original) The polymeric composition according to claim 1 wherein the alkene polymer is a copolymer of propylene and ethylene.

Claim 5 (Original) The polymeric composition of claim 1 wherein the alkene polymer is a copolymer of propylene with butene.

Claims 6-12 (Canceled)

Claim 13 (Currently amended) A packaging film including:

- (a) a first layer comprising a metal film; and
- (b) a second layer on the first layer and comprising a polymeric composition comprising a blend of:
  - i) an alkene polymer comprising propylene monomers; and

- ii) a modifier selected from the group consisting of: ~~a maleic anhydride grafted ethylene copolymer, an ethylene copolymer containing acid monomers and/or ester monomers, an acid grafted propylene copolymer, and a maleic anhydride grafted blend of a propylene copolymer with an ethylene copolymer~~ maleic anhydride grafted metallocene very low density polyethylene, maleic anhydride grafted metallocene linear low density polyethylene, and a maleic anhydride grafted linear low density polyethylene made from a Ziegler-Natta catalyst.

Claim 14 (Canceled)

Claim 15 (Original) The packaging film according to claim 13 wherein the alkene polymer is polypropylene.

Claim 16 (Original) The packaging film according to claim 13 wherein the alkene polymer is a copolymer of propylene and ethylene.

Claim 17 (Original) The packaging film of claim 13 wherein the alkene polymer is a copolymer of propylene with butene.

Claims 18-24 (Canceled)

Claim 25 (Currently amended) The packaging film according to ~~any one of claims 13-24~~ Claim 13 wherein the metal is aluminum.

Claim 26 (Canceled).

Claim 27 (Currently amended). The packaging film according to ~~any one of claims 13-26~~ Claim 13 wherein the first layer and the second layer are co-extruded.

Claims 28-30 (Canceled)

Claim 31 (Currently amended) A ~~method of~~ process for preparing a metallizable polymeric composition comprising the steps of:

- a) providing a ~~polymeric matrix~~ base resin comprising an alkene polymer wherein the alkene polymer comprises propylene monomers;
- b) providing a modifier selected from the group consisting of: a ~~maleic anhydride grafted ethylene copolymer, an ethylene copolymer containing acid monomers and/or ester monomers, an acid grafted propylene copolymer, and a maleic anhydride grafted blend of a propylene copolymer with an ethylene copolymer~~ maleic anhydride grafted metallocene very low density polyethylene, maleic anhydride grafted metallocene linear low density polyethylene, and a maleic anhydride grafted linear low density polyethylene made from a Ziegler-Natta catalyst; and
- c) blending the modifier with the ~~polymeric matrix~~ base resin.

Claims 32-44 (Canceled)

Claim 45 (Currently amended) The ~~method~~ process according to ~~any one of claims 31-44~~ Claim 31 wherein the blending step is carried out in the presence of peroxides as radical initiators.

Claims 46-47 (Canceled).

Claim 48 (New) A process for preparing a packaging film comprising the steps of:

- a) providing a base resin comprising an alkene polymer, wherein the alkene polymer comprises propylene monomers;
- b) providing a modifier selected from the group consisting of: maleic anhydride grafted metallocene very low density polyethylene, maleic anhydride grafted metallocene linear low density polyethylene, and a maleic anhydride grafted linear low density polyethylene made from a Ziegler-Natta catalyst;

- c) blending the modifier with the base resin to form a polymeric composition; and
- d) applying a layer of aluminum on a surface of the polymeric composition to form the packaging film.

Claim 49 (New) The process according to claim 48 wherein the aluminum is vacuum deposited onto the surface of the polymeric composition.